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TO AMEMBASSY OSLO

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: INMARSAT

1. AT CLOSE OF RECENT SESSION OF INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP (ISWG) REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INMARSAT), ISWG ACCEPTED NORWEGIAN INVITATION TO HOLD MEETING IN OSLO WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22. MEETING WILL INVOLVE VARIOUS LEGAL ISSUES.

2. IT WAS UNCLEAR AT END ISWG WHETHER QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN OSLO. AMBASSADOR F. SEYERSTAD, THE NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE, INDICATED TO USDEL THAT IT WAS FOR THE US TO DECIDE WHETHER ISSUE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED SINCE US HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN LAST MEETING RE INMARSAT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.

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IMMUNITIES.

3. EMB OSLO REQUESTED TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR SEYERSTAD AND CONFIRM U.S. WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT OSLO. U.S. WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, AN INDICATION WHETHER ISSUE WILL BE GIVEN THOROUGH ANALYSIS SO THAT US CAN DETERMINE WHETHER TO SEND EXPERT ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT. SEYERSTAD HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY DEVOTING 2-3 DAYS THIS SUBJECT. US BELIEVES THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WOULD

REQUIRE AT LEAST 2-3 DAYS.

4. AMBASSADOR SEYERSTAD CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH MR. O.J. HAGA, HEAD OF DIVISION, NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION.

5. EMB PARIS REQUESTED CONVEY GIST OF ABOVE TO M.R. ESTABLIE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

6. EMB LONDON REQUESTED CONVEY ABOVE TO A.M. GREENWOOD, ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. KISSINGER

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